# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

NANCY ALANIS	§	
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Plaintiff	§	
	§	
<b>v.</b>	§	
	§	
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., WELLS	§	
FARGO BANK, NATIONAL	§	
ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE	§	
POOLING AND SERVICING	§	Case No.: 5:21-cv-01261-JKP
AGREEMENT DATED AS OF	§	
OCTOBER 1, 2006 SECURITIZED	§	
ASSET BACKED RECEIVABLES LLC	§	
TRUST 2006-NC3 MORTGAGE PASS-	§	
THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES	§	
2006-NC3; MACKIE WOLF ZIENTZ &	§	
MANN, PC, AS DEBT COLLECTOR;	§	
MARK D. CRONENWETT, RICHARD	§	
DWAYNE DAANNER,	§	
	§	
Defendants.	§	

# MOTION FOR CONTEMPT AND SANCTIONS AGAINST PLAINTIFF NANCY ALANIS BY DEFENDANTS MARK D. CRONENWETT AND MACKIE, WOLF, ZIENTZ & MANN, PC

Defendants Mark D. Cronenwett and Mackie Wolf Zientz & Mann, P.C. (hereinafter "Defendants") files this their *Motion for Contempt and Sanctions Against Plaintiff Nancy Alanis*.

Defendants respectfully show the Court as follows:

#### I. SUMMARY

1. This Court determined that Plaintiff Nancy Alanis ("Plaintiff" or "Alanis") is a vexatious litigant and ordered her not to file any new claims in the Western District of Texas without prior court approval. In direct contravention of this Court's order, she has filed in the Western District of Texas, in a case pending before judge Biery, the same claims that were previously disposed of by

this Court in the instant actions, as well as by other Courts in other suits filed by Plaintiff. Plaintiff must be held accountable for her conduct and be sanctioned.

# II. RELEVANT PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

2. This case arises out of a protracted litigation history based upon a foreclosure dispute pertaining to Plaintiff's mortgage loan secured by residential real property. In the chart below, Defendants identify the many prior lawsuits filed by Plaintiff regarding this mortgage loan.

INITIATION	PARTIES	COURT	NATURE OF	DISPOSITION
DATE			PROCEEDING	
February 22,	Nancy Alanis	45 <sup>th</sup> District	Lawsuit	March 3, 2016,
2011	v. Trustee,	Court of	challenging	judgment
	Mackie Wolf	Bexar County,	Trustee's right	entered
	Zientz & Mann	Texas; Cause	to foreclose and	judicially
	PC ("Mackie	No. 2011-CI-	asserting claims	foreclosed on
	Wolf"), Ocwen	02839	for fraud, civil	the Deed of
	and HomeEq		conspiracy,	Trust, and
	Servicing		violations of	ordered the
	Corporation		Section 12.002	Bexar County
			of the TEX. CIV.	Sheriff
			PRAC. & REM.	Department to
			CODE ("CRPC"),	conduct a sale of
			unjust	the Property
			enrichment,	("2016 Final
			trespass to try	Judgment").
			title, intentional	
			infliction of	
			emotional	
			distress,	
			violations of the	
			Texas Debt	
			Collection Act,	
			and declaratory	
			judgment ("2011	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This property is commonly known as 13210 Hunters View, San Antonio, Texas 78230, and more particularly described as:

LOT 2, BLOCK 6, NEW CITY BLOCK 16984, HUNTERS CREEK NORTH, UNIT-3, IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 8200, PAGE(S) 215-216, OF THE DEED AND PLAT RECORDS OF BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS.

			Lawsuit"). Plaintiff proceed to file Seven Amended Petitions.	
March 8, 2016	Nancy Alanis v. Trustee, Mackie Wolf, Ocwen and HomeEq Servicing Corporation	4 <sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals, Texas, San Antonio; Appeal No. 04-16-00121	Appeal of the 2016 Final Judgment	April 4, 2018, Memorandum Opinion affirming the 2016 Final Judgment ("2018 Court of Appeals Order). December 7, 2018, Mandate issued ("2011 Lawsuit Mandate").
July 27, 2018	Nancy Alanis v. trustee, Mackie Wolf, Ocwen and HomeEq Servicing Corporation	Texas Supreme Court; Appeal No. 18-0617	Petition for Review of the 2016 Final Judgment	August 31, 2018, petition for review denied ("2018 Denial of Petition for Review). November 30, 2018, motion for re-hearing denied ("2018 Supreme Court of Texas Order").
January 14, 2019	Trustee v. Nancy Alanis	Bexar County Court at Law No. 10; Cause No. 2019-CV- 00584	Eviction proceedings	March 26, 2019, final judgment for possession in favor of Trustee ("Eviction Judgment").
June 24, 2019	Nancy Alanis v. Trustee	4 <sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals, Texas, San Antonio; Appeal No. 04-19-00461- CV	Appeal of the Eviction Judgment	June 15, 2021, affirmed the Eviction Judgment ("Eviction Mandate")
February 8,	Nancy Alanis	Texas	Petition for	March 19, 2021,

2021	v. Trustee	Supreme	Review of	petition for
2021	v. Trustee	Court; Appeal	affirmed	review denied
		No. 20-0798	Eviction	("2021 Denial of
		10. 20-0798		Petition for
			Judgment	
				Review). June
				11, 2021 motion
				for rehearing
				denied ("Denial
				of Motion of
			- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Rehearing").
April 6, 2021	Nancy Alanis	Texas	Petition for Writ	May 14, 2021,
	v. Trustee	Supreme	of Mandamus	denied ("Denial
		Court; Appeal		of Petition for
		No. 21-0311		Writ of
				Mandamus).
				July 9, 2021,
				denied amended
				motion for
				rehearing
				("Denial of
				Motion for
				Rehearing of
				Writ Denial).
February 14,	Nancy Alanis	45 <sup>th</sup> District	Petition for Bill	August 2, 2019,
2019	v. Trustee,	Court of	of Review to	order disposing
	Ocwen, Mackie	Bexar County,	collaterally	of all issues and
	Wolf	Texas; Cause	attack and set	all parties
		No. 2019-CI-	aside the 2016	("2019 Final
		03042	Final Judgment.	Judgment").
			("2019	
			Lawsuit")	
October 28,	Nancy Alanis	4 <sup>th</sup> Court of	Appeal of the	April 29, 2020,
2019	v. Trustee,	Appeals,	2019 Final	Memorandum
	Ocwen, Mackie	Texas, San	Judgment.	Opinion
	Wolf	Antonio,		affirming the
		Texas; Appeal		2019 Final
		No. 04-19-		Judgment,
		00764-CV		finding that
				Plaintiff's
				claims asserted
				in the 2019
				Lawsuit were
				barred by res
				judicata ('2020
				Court of
				Court or

				Order"). June 15, 2021, Mandate issued affirming the 2019 Final Judgment ("2019 Lawsuit Mandate").
February 9, 2021	Nancy Alanis v. Trustee, Ocwen, Mackie Wolf	Texas Supreme Court; Appeal No. 20-0803	Petition for Review of the affirmed 2019 Final Judgment	March 12, 2021, denied ("2021 Denial of Petition for Review of the 2020 Court of Appeals Order). June 11, 2021 denied motion for rehearing ("2021 Denial of Rehearing Regarding the 2020 Court of Appeals Order").
April 30, 2021	Nancy Alanis v. Wells Fargo, Trustee, Danner, Mackie Wolf, Jeffrey A. Hiller, Ocwen, Cronenwett	United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, San Antonio, Case No. 5:21-cv- 00433-DAE	Lawsuit challenging Trustee's right to foreclose and asserting claims for fraud, violation of RICO, violation of civil conspiracy, violation of Section 12.002 of the TEX. CIV. PRAC. & REM. CODE ("CPRC"), violation of Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, quiet title and declaratory judgment ("2021 Federal	August 17, 2021 dismissal of all claims with prejudice

			Action").	
October 1, 2021	Nancy Alanis v. Wells Fargo, Trustee, and Cronenwett	150 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court of Bexar County, Texas; Cause No. 2021-CI- 20923	Lawsuit challenging Trustee's title and standing to foreclose, asserts claims for quiet title, trespass to title, fraud, tortious interference with a contract and declaratory judgment ("2021 State Court Action")	December 30, 2021 Court granted Alanis' notice of nonsuit of claims without prejudice. January 26, 2022 Ordered sanction to declare Plaintiff a vexatious litigant and permanently enjoined Plaintiff.
October 6, 2021	Nancy Alanis v. Wells Fargo, Trustee, and Cronenwett	United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, San Antonio, Case No. 5:21-cv- 00952-FB	Lawsuit based on Cronenwett's representation of Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC and Wells Fargo in previous lawsuits brought by Alanis. Alanis alleged Cronenwett "schemed" with Wells Fargo to obtain a March 3, 2016, foreclosure order in state court	October 8, 2021 Remanded to state court for lack of diversity jurisdiction
December 17, 2021	Nancy Alanis v. Wells Fargo, Trustee, Cronewett, Danner, Mackie Wolf	United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, San Antonio Division, Case No. SA-21- CV-01261	Lawsuit challenging Trustee's standing to foreclose, title, asserting claims for fraud, violation of Section 12.002 of the CPRC, tortious	February 17, 2022 Ordered sanction to declare Plaintiff as a vexatious litigant and enjoin Nancy Alanis from filing any civil lawsuit. February 17,

			interference with	2022 Court
			a contract,	granted motion
			trespass to try	to dismiss,
			title, quiet title,	denied
			conspiracy.	Plaintiff's
			Alanis also	motions, and
			complained of	dismissed with
			damage and	prejudice all of
			conduct related	Plaintiff's
			to the eviction	causes of actions
			and asserted	that are or may
			claims for	be asserted
			violation of due	based upon the
			process,	facts supporting
			conversion and	the action.
			violation of the	
			Texas Theft	
			Liability Act.	
March 31, 2022	Nancy Alanis	United States	Appeal of the	January 31,
	v. Wells Fargo,	Fifth Circuit	2021 Final	2023 Affirmed
	Mackie Wolf,	Court of	Judgment.	the judgment of
	Cronenwett,	Appeals,		the district
	Danner	Appeal No.		court.
		22-50246		

- 3. As indicated above, on February 17, 2022, this Court in the instant Civil Action Number, entered its order to declare Plaintiff a vexatious litigant. This order enjoined Plaintiff from filing any civil lawsuit in the Western District of Texas without first obtaining permission from a judge of the Western District of Texas. (See Exhibit A). The same day, this Court dismissed with prejudice all of Plaintiff's causes of actions that are or may be asserted based upon those facts supporting the action. (See Exhibit B). These orders were affirmed by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. (See Exhibit C).
- 4. As indicated above, on January 26, 2022, the 150<sup>th</sup> District Court of Bexar County, Texas entered its order in Cause No. 2021-CI-20923 to declare Plaintiff a vexatious litigant. (*See* **Exhibit D**). This order permanently enjoined Plaintiff from filing any future

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litigation or pleadings in any state court, pertaining to any claims asserted in this matter

concerning the real property located at 13210 Hunters View, San Antonio, Texas (the "Hunters

View Property"), and/or against any of the named defendants in any prior litigation commenced

by Plaintiff and involving the Property, without first securing the Court's written authorization

for filing or pleading. (See Exhibit D). Notably, Plaintiff's claims in the instant suit concerned

this same Hunters View Property at issue in Cause No. 2021-CI-20923 in the 150th District

Court.

5. On May 18, 2023, Plaintiff filed a new lawsuit by her Original Petition (the

"Petition") bearing Cause No. 2023-CI-09925 in the 45<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court of Bexar County,

Texas, styled Nancy Alanis v. U.S. Bank National Association, as Successor Trustee to Bank of

America, National Association, as Successor by Merger to LaSalle Bank, N.A. as Trustee for the

MLMI Trust Series 2006-HE6 Nationstar Mortgage, LLC d.b.a. Mr. Cooper. (See Exhibit E).

Plaintiff's claims in Cause No. 2023-CI-09925 in the 45th District Court concerned a home

equity loan on a different property, namely, 1040 Blanco Rd, San Antonio, Texas 78212 ("the

Blanco Road Property").

6. On June 12, 2023, Defendant U.S. Bank National Association, as Successor

Trustee to Bank of America, National Association, as Successor by Merger to LaSalle Bank,

N.A. as Trustee for the MLMI Trust Series 2006-HE6 ("U.S. Bank") and Nationstar Mortgage

LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper ("Nationstar") timely removed Cause No. 2023-CI-09925 to the United

States District Court, Western District of Texas, Case No. 5:23-cv-00749-FB-HJB, (hereafter

"Judge Biery's Case") due to federal question jurisdiction raised by Plaintiff's claims of

Defendants' alleged violations of RESPA and the Truth-in-Lending Act, both federal statutes.

(See Exhibit F).

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7. On September 5, 2023, Mark D. Cronenwett communicated with Mena Ramon,

General Counsel of the Bexar County Office of Court Administrator. Mr. Cronenwett notified

her that Nancy Alanis was not listed as a vexatious litigant by the OCA and requested that the

OCA declare Plaintiff to be a vexatious litigant, citing the two enclosed orders from the 150th

District Court of Bexar County and Western District of Texas that declared Plaintiff as a

vexatious litigant. (See Exhibit G).

8. On October 25, 2023, Plaintiff in Judge Biery's Case, without requesting leave of

Judge Biery or informing him of Your Honor's Vexatious Litigant Order, filed her Verified First

Amended Complaint, adding claims concerning the Hunters View Property and joining as

defendants PHH Mortgage Corporation, Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.,

Mark D. Cronenwett, and Mackie Wolf Zientz & Mann, PC due to alleged "new evidence

obtained in 2023" (See Exhibit H). Plaintiff added claims against these defendants for fraud,

violations of Section 12.002 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, tortious

interference with a contract, conspiracy, and theft that involved the Property. Id. Alanis also

asserted claims for violations of other federal statutes and due process, as well as violation of the

Texas Theft Liability Act. Id.

9. By adding barred claims in federal court and ignoring Your Honor's Vexatious

Litigant Order, Plaintiff has wholly failed to comply with the VexatOrder entered by this Court.

It is appropriate for this Court to hold Plaintiff in contempt due to Plaintiff's failure to obey and

outright refusal to adhere to the Order. Defendants additionally request this Court to impose

sanctions on Plaintiff by ordering Plaintiff to pay Defendants \$20,000.00 for her violation of the

Order.

#### III. RELIEF REQUESTED

A. Plaintiff violated the Vexatious Litigant Order and should be held in contempt.

10. A movant in a civil contempt proceeding bears the burden of establishing by clear

and convincing evidence: (1) that a court order was in effect, (2) that the order required certain

conduct by the respondent, and (3) that the respondent failed to comply with the court's order.

See Test Masters Educ. Servs. v. Singh, 428 F.3d 559, 581-82 (5th Cir. 2005). The evidence must

be "so clear, direct, and weighty and convincing as to enable the fact finder to come to a clear

conviction, without hesitancy of the truth of the precise facts of the case." See Piggly Wiggly

Clarksville, Inc. v. Mrs. Baird's Bakeries, 177 F.3d 380, 383 (5th Cir. 1999). The relevant

conduct need not to be willful so long as the respondent actually failed to comply with the

court's order. See Am. Airlines, Inc. v. Allied Pilots Ass'n, 228 F.3d 574, 581 (5th Cir. 2000).

11. Here, all three requirements for civil contempt are met. First, there was a

Vexatious Litigant Order entered by this Court on February 17, 2022. Plaintiff was aware of the

Vexatious Litigant Order. In Plaintiff's Verified First Amended Complaint, Plaintiff makes

repeated mention of the state and federal orders intended to bar her from filing on these claims.

(See Exhibit H at PP 39, 49, 134, 239, 269, 707). Second, the Vexatious Litigant Order expressly

restrained Plaintiff from filing any new civil lawsuit in the Western District of Texas. (See Case

No. SA-21-CV-01261-JKP, Exhibit A). This Court stated that "these duplicative lawsuits based

upon the same operative facts no longer have any good faith basis and are now based in bad

faith," and were "duplicative, harassing, and burdensome" to both This Court and the

Defendants, and that the best remedy was the Vexatious Litigant Order to restrain Plaintiff from

filing any civil lawsuit without this Court's permission. *Id.* Finally, by filing a new suit in state

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court concerning the Blanco Road Property, and then amending her Complaint to include the

enjoined and priorly dismissed operative facts and causes concerning the Hunters View Property

against the same defendants, Plaintiff has attempted to circumvent this Court's instruction and

has violated the Order of this Court. Plaintiff also has attempted to circumvent the state court's

Vexatious Litigant Order in Cause No. 2021-CI-20923 in the 150<sup>th</sup> District Court, by amending

her claims in federal court to include those facts and causes of action she was barred from filing

in state court.

12. Accordingly, all three elements for civil contempt are met and Plaintiff should be

held in contempt for her violations to the Vexatious Litigant Order.

B. Sanctions should be imposed on Plaintiff.

13. Upon a finding of civil contempt, the Court has broad discretion to impose

judicial sanctions that would coerce compliance with its orders and compensate the moving party

for any losses sustained. See Am. Airlines at 585 (5th Cir. 2000). Monetary sanctions for civil

contempt do not serve a punitive purpose, but a remedial one, which is to compensate for the

damages sustained. Id. For that reason, appropriate sanctions can include the sum of a financial

loss to reimburse the injured party for the losses flowing from noncompliance and expenses

reasonably and necessarily included in the attempt to enforce compliance. See Young Again

Prods. v. Acord, No. H-09-282, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 187188 at \*14 (S.D. Tex. Mar. 5, 2013)

(citing Cook v. Ochsner Found. Hosp., 559 F.2d 270, 272 (5th Cir. 1977).

14. Here, an appropriate sanction for Plaintiff's contempt and violations to the

Vexatious Litigant Order, is an award of coerced compliance in the form of dismissal of all

claims in federal court related to this matter and these named parties. As discussed above,

Plaintiff knew about the prohibitions contained in the Vexatious Litigant Order and still she

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refused to comply. Plaintiff was expressly warned by this Court that she was required to obtain

permission from a judge of the Western District of Texas before filing any civil lawsuit in this

Court. (See Exhibit A.) Despite orders from both state and federal courts to not file or file in their

respective jurisdictions regarding the Property, Plaintiff amended her Complaint in this Court on

the same causes of action and parties intended by this Court to be barred to her. Her conduct

shows a clear pattern of disrespect and noncompliance with the orders and mandates from this

Court. Accordingly, Plaintiff should be sanctioned.

15. Plaintiff's contempt with the Vexatious Litigant Order entered by this Court has

resulted in Defendants incurring additional attorney's fees for the defense from Plaintiff's claims

and the enforcement of the Vexatious Litigant Order. Defendants further request a sanction of

\$20,000.00 due to Plaintiff's violation of this Court's Vexatious Litigant Order.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Defendants pray that Plaintiff be held in

civil contempt, sanctioned as requested above, and that Defendants be awarded all other relief to

which they may be entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

By: \_/s/Mark D. Cronenwett

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# **CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH FED. R. CIV. P. 11(C)(2)**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing instrument was mailed by United States certified mail to Plaintiff Nancy Alanis on January 30, 2024. Included in this mailing was a demand that Plaintiff dismiss her claims against Mark D. Cronenwett and Mackie Wolf Zientz & Mann, PC in Civil Action No. Case No. 5:23-cv-00749-FB-HJB, within 21 days. More than 24 days have passed, and Plaintiff has not complied with this demand. Therefore, this Motion is presented to the Court for determination.

/s/ Mark D. Cronenwett
MARK D. CRONENWETT

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing instrument was served on the following on February 26, 2024, in the manner indicated:

# VIA CM/RRR#9314 7699 0430 0117 7673 05

Nancy Alanis P.O. Box 15521 San Antonio, Texas 78212

# VIA CM/RRR#9314 7699 0430 0117 7673 98

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/s/ Mark D. Cronenwett
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